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SUBJ: MASS RALLY COMMEMORATES VICTORY AT ADOWA

1. EPMG CELEBRATED NATIONAL HOLIDAY COMMEMORATING 1896 VICTORY AT ADOWA OVER ITALIANS WITH MASS RALLY AT REVOLUTION SQUARE. AT USUAL, KEBELE OFFICIALS TURNED OUT LARGE CROWD WHICH SOMEWHAT SMALLER THAN CROWDS FOR JANUARY 30 TEFERIE BANTE AND FEBRUARY 4 MENGISTU SPEECHES. CELEBRATION WAS WITHOUT INCIDENT. USUAL ANTI-EDU, EPRP, ELF, AND CIA POSTERS AND RHETORIC SEEN AND HEARD BY DIPLOMATIC AND ATTACHED CORPS. NEW TWISTS WERE SHORT CHEERING PERIOD OF "YANKEE GO HOME" AND "DOWN WITH US IMPERIALISM/ IN WHICH MENGISTU AND OTHER PMAC MEMBERS PARTICIPATED FULLY, AND PLACARDS STATING "DOWN WITH US IMPERIALISM" AND "NIMEIRI RUNNING DOG OF US IMPERIALISM".

2. GENERAL THEME OF RALLY WAS ANTI-IMPERIALISM AND MENGISTU'S SPEECH STRESSED FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM, ETHIOPIAN NATIONALISM, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IN FACE OF THREAT POSED BY IMPERIALIST-BACKED REACTIONARY RULERS IN REGION. HE DID NOT MENTION CIA OR U.S. CHAIRMAN STATED PEASANTS WOULD SOON BE ORGANIZED AT NATIONAL LEVEL AND MASSES WOULD BE ARMED. HE NOTED TRUE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTIONARIES DID NOT STAND ALONE BUT COULD

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COUNT ON SUPPORT OF PROGRESSIVE PEOPLES OF WORLD.

3. RALLY WAS UNUSUALLY CALM AND SPEECHES CONTAINED LITTLE BUT ROUTINE RHETORIC. AS IN 3 OTHER MASS DEMONSTRATIONS IN PAST MONTH EMBASSY HAS RELIABLE REPORTS COERCIVE METHODS EMPLOYED IN KEBELES TO ENSURE "ENTHUSIASTIC" AND "MASS" PARTICIPATION. ALTHOUGH VISIBLE PMAC

PARTICIPATION LARGER THAN IN PAST, THIS DID NOT SEEM TO
ENGENDER ENTHUSIASM BY PARTICIPANTS EXCEPT AS THEY PASSED
IN FRONT OF REVEIWING STAND. MASSES MAY BE GETTING FATIGUED
BY HEAVY SCHEDULE OF GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED OUTINGS.
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